(b) The Government does not have any information in this respect.

Small Scale Drug Units

2206. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the authority which look after the interest of small scale drug units;

(b) whether this authority monitors the production of bulk drugs and formulations; and

(c) if so, how and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) under the Ministry of Industry and Company Affairs looks after the promotion and development of the small scale units. This Ministry plans and regulates the functioning of Drugs and Phamaceuticals industry in its totality including the small scale sector.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made by this Ministry to monitor the production of essential bulk drugs in the organised sector.

Procurement of drug by Ex-FERA Companies

2207. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity, source, price at which procurement has been made of drugs delicenced recently on yearly basis by ex-FERA companies for the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases the suppliers are small scale companies; and

(c) if so, what will be the effect on their maketability?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) The number of consignments in which the delicenced bulk drugs have been purchased from various sources, including Small Scale Companies, by ex-FERA companies during the last three years, yearwise runs into thousands. Time and efforts involved in collecting the details as asked for would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Sub-standard drug manufactured by I.D.P.L.

2208 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in Blitz Weekly dated the 11th May, 1985 regarding poor quality of IDPL's products;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 18th June, 1985 regarding adverse reaction after administration of Sodium Thiosulphate injection manufactured by IDPL to victims of Bhopal gas leakage tregedy; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With regard to Soddium Thiosulphate injections, referred to in the Times of India article, the State Government has intimated that tests conducted on the samples supplied to People's Clinic, Bhopal did not indicate that the ampules were faulty or sub-standard.